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SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1270 crashes as compared to 1162 crashes in August of 2005. This was an increase of 9.3%. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities dropped 66.7%. In actual numbers, there were 3 fatal crashes in August 2006 and 9 fatal crashes in August 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 6% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 71 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were 0 fatalities; 16 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 55 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.7% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1359 crash reports in August 2006. This resulted in 5618 crash reports being mailed out, 43.8% more than last year. There were 987 visitors, requesting police services, to the Front Office which was an increase of 7.8% when compared to August 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 26,812 CAD incidents and approximately 31,000 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 26.4% in August 2006, as compared to August 2005. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests were up 57.3% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 53.3% as compared to August 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up 54.3% over August 2005.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Aug-06		Aug-05	% Change		July-06	% Change
Total crashes	1270		1162	9.3%		1184	7.3%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	970		873	11.1%		899	7.9%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	297		280	6.1%		279	6.5%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		9	-66.7%		7	-57.1%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	69		45	53.3%		32	115.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		9	-66.7%		9	-66.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%		2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		2	-200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		4	-400.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		2	0.0%		0	200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	71		67	6.0%		57	24.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	55		49	12.2%		42	31.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	16		17	-5.9%		15	6.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.2 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.6 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 9.3 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 6 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 66.9%compared to last year.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	Aug-06		Aug-05	% Change		July-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	69		45	53.3%		32	115.6%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	198		124	59.7%		208	-4.8%
Other arrests	1120		869	28.9%		1009	11.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	475		364	30.5%		456	4.2%
Speed violations	3484		2476	40.7%		3939	-11.6%
Hazardous moving violations	2461		1874	31.3%		2639	-6.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	771		451	71.0%		823	-6.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	11518		8373	37.6%		11936	-3.5%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	71		86	-17.4%		83	-14.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	280		148	89.2%		261	7.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	731		964	-24.2%		770	-5.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2		5	-60.0%		3	-33.3%
Total safety violations -- citation	287		220	30.5%		382	-24.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1808		1540	17.4%		1936	-6.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	122		82	48.8%		118	3.4%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	60		81	-25.9%		65	-7.7%
Total school buses inspected	424		323	31.3%		347	22.2%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	58		43	34.9%		39	48.7%
Total trucks weighed	107		87	23.0%		88	21.6%
Total overweight citations	33		24	37.5%		72	-54.2%
Total dyed fuel inspections	673		868	-22.5%		759	-11.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		1		2
Safety Violations Citation	0		0		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		3		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.113%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 29.95 years old.
- ✱ 7.6% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 6% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is up 37.6% from last year and down 3.5 % from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is down 17.4 % from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 24.2 % from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Aug-06		Aug-05	% Change		July-06	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	78235		100821	-22.4%		80224	-2.5%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	788970		416832	89.3%		799272	-1.3%
CAD Incidents	26812		24002	11.7%		27432	-2.3%
Telephone Calls	31901		41302	-22.8%		36000	-11.4%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	92		150	-38.7%		148	-37.8%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1359		1234	10.1%		771	76.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	347		381	-8%		354	-1.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	19		8	137.5%		12	58.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	127		102	24.5%		111	14.4%
Visitors at Counter	987		916	7.8%		896	10.2%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5618		7287	-22.9%		3906	43.8%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	733		288	154%		482	52%
Warrants Entered	321		198	62.1%		211	52.1%
Warrants Cleared	418		236	77.1%		279	49.8%
Warrants Validated	1144		1202	-4.8%		1138	0.5%
Extradition / Transports	12		7	71.4%		16	-25%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	79		58	36.2%		73	8.2%
New Items Submitted	146		99	47.5%		121	20.7%
Items Disposed	11		4	175%		20	-45%

\*\*\*Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

## EVIDENCE

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 87.3 % of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 11.4 % of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 1.3 % of case submissions.
- State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Public Requests for Information: 325

21 were forwarded to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints

304 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain a accident report

### Press releases: 8

2 were fatality related and all 7 were related to the Highway Patrol

**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:** Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. August 8 and August 22, 2006.

**HEAT PROGRAM:** The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety. We were also honored to lead a driving safety and DUI awareness session for the driver's education teachers from the Clark County School District. The HEAT program also had the opportunity to address the Nevada Professional Driving School Association and made itself available to each individual school.

The HEAT involvement with the Midnight Mayhem series continues to be a hit with all participants. Good community turnout with a great chance to meet with many of the teen "racers". August 11, 2006.

**DRIVER'S EDGE:** The HEAT program continues to be a strong asset to the Driver's Edge program. Driver's Edge is designed to teach adults and teens to know their own limitations as well as the limitations of their vehicle. The HEAT presentation includes a DUI discussion and activities as well as presentations on seat belt safety and traffic laws. The HEAT program had the honor of traveling to Northern Nevada to assist in the Reno event. We were able to assist approximately 1,025 parents and teens during the event that was held August 17 through Aug 20, 2006.

**COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:** The HEAT program welcomes another positive addition to the NHP. The Courage to Live program will provide an educational presentation as well as an open discussion forum for adults and parents of middle school and high school students throughout the Las Vegas Valley. We are still in the planning stages and plan to hit at least 2 middle schools in the Fall.

**DPS EXPLORERS PROGRAM:** The HEAT program is in the process of putting another strong tool in the shed of the Nevada Department of Public Safety. Preliminary talks have begun with the Boy Scouts in an attempt to re-start and Explorer Program. The program will be run under the care of the Training Division. This promises to be a very positive addition to the DPS.

**OTS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM:** The Heat program has been given the honor of coordinating the Pedestrian Safety program for the State of Nevada. A statewide "train the trainer" program took place on August 29, 2006.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEVADA:** Special Olympics Nevada held their final major fund raiser of 2006. All proceeds from "Tip a Cop at Red Robin" went directly to the Law Enforcement Torch Run designed to keep the travel, training, and awards free of any costs to the Special Olympics athletes. The Southern Command had the most successful store in the Las Vegas valley. A special thanks goes out to all that have so willingly volunteered their personal time.